

DECEMBER 29, 1807.

A Bill,

Supplementary to the act, entitled “ An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States.”



1 Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of*
2 *the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That during
3 the continuance of the act to which this act is a supplement, no vessel
4 licensed for the coasting trade or fisheries, having on board goods,
5 wares, or merchandise, either of foreign or domestic growth or manu-
6 facture, fishing vessels with salt for their fishing fares excepted,
7 shall be allowed to depart from any port of the United States, or
8 shall receive a clearance, until the owner, consignee, agent or factor,
9 shall, with the master, give bond with one or more sureties to the
10 United States, in a sum double the value of the vessel and cargo,
11 that the vessel is not destined for any foreign port or place, and that
12 the said goods, wares, and merchandise shall be relanded in some
13 port of the United States.

1 Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any ship or vessel
2 shall, during the continuance of the act to which this act is a sup-
3 plement, depart from any port of the United States without a clear-
4 ance, or if any ship or vessel shall, contrary to the provisions of
5 this act, or of the act to which this act is a supplement, proceed to
6 a foreign port or place, such ship or vessel and cargo shall be wholly
7 forfeited, and if the same shall not be seized, the owner of such ship
8 or vessel shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay a sum equal
9 to double the value of the ship or vessel and cargo, and the master
10 or commander of such ship or vessel, as well as all other persons
11 concerned in such prohibited foreign voyage, shall each respectively
12 forfeit and pay the sum of _____ dollars for every
13 such offence, whether the vessel be seized and condemned or not.

1 Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the exception made by the
2 act to which this act is a supplement, in favor of armed vessels pos-
3 sessing public commissions from foreign powers, shall apply only
4 to public armed vessels, and shall not be construed to embrace either
5 privateers, vessels having letters of marque, or any other private
6 armed vessels; but such private armed vessels shall be permitted to
7 depart in the same manner and on the same conditions as is
8 provided for other private foreign ships or vessels.

1 Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if any foreign ship or ves-
2 sel shall, during the continuance of the act to which this act is a
3 supplement, take on board any specie or any goods, wares or mer-
4 chandise, other than the cargo on board thereof when notified of
5 the said act, or other than the provisions and sea stores necessary

6 for the voyage, such ship or vessel and the specie and cargo on board
7 shall be wholly forfeited, and may be seized and condemned in any
8 court of the United States having competent jurisdiction, and
9 every and each person concerned in such unlawful shipment, shall
10 forfeit and pay the sum of _____ dollars for every such
11 offence.

1. Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That all penalties and forfei-
2 tures incurred by force of this act and which may be recovered,
3 shall be distributed and accounted for in the manner prescribed by
4 the act entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on im-
5 ports and tonnage," passed the second day of May, one thousand
6 seven hundred and ninety-nine, and may be mitigated or remitted
7 in the manner prescribed by the act entitled "An act to pro-
8 vide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties and disa-
9 bilities accruing in certain cases therein mentioned," passed the 3d
10 of March 1797, and made perpetual by an act passed the 11th Fe-
11 bruary, 1800.

1 Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the time during which the
2 act to which this act is a supplement, shall continue in force, shall
3 not be computed as making part of the term of twelve calendar
4 months, during which goods, wares or merchandise imported into
5 the United States must be re-exported in order to be entitled to a
6 drawback of the duties paid on the importation thereof.